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MINNESOTA CLOSES SEASON ON WOOD DUCK.

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The State law on wood duck hunting in Minnesota has been made to conform with the Federal regulations under the migratory-bird treaty act, by recent action of Governor Prouss. Under authority vested in him by section 134 of Chapter 400 of the Session Laws of Minnesota for the year 1919, the governor has declared that no wood duck shall be taken, killed, or had in possession at any place in the State of Minnesota, the order to remain in force and effect until the close of the 1925 regular session of the legislature, unless sooner revoked or modified by him. This action will prevent confusion and misunderstanding among sportsmen of the State, as the Minnesota legislature of 1923 provided an open season on these birds, but the United States Department of Agriculture, after investigation by the Biological Survey, decided that wood ducks had not become sufficiently abundant to allow hunting them in any part of the United States. These birds are protected in Canada also, under the provisions of the migratory-bird treaty.

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